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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: ALL PARTIES MEETING

1. PRESIDENT NYERERE SUMMONED ACTING UK HIGH COMMISSIONER STRONG AND ME TO MSASANI MORNING OF MARCH 11. HE SAID THAT, IN LIGHT OF, (A) THE LETTER HE HAD RECEIVED FROM CALLAGHAN, (B) HIS DISCUSSION WITH US THE PAST FEW DAYS, AND (C) IF WHAT HE HAS HEARD ON THE RADIO ABOUT PRESENT US-UK POSITION IS OFFICIAL, HE BELIEVES THAT "THE GHOST HAS BEEN LAID AND WE CAN NOW MOVE AHEAD." HE INDICATED HE WOULD BE WILLING URGE THIS ON HIS FL COLLEAGUES AND ON THE PF.

2. NEITHER STRONG NOR I HAD TEXT OF OWEN STATEMENT BROADCAST ON
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BBC THAT INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WAS "SERIOUSLY DEFECTIVE", BUT ASSUME IT IS AUTHORITATIVE. NYERERE ALREADY HAD TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT. IT IS ON THESE THAT NYERERE IS BASING HIS SUPPORT. WE TOLD HIM THAT HE COULD RELAY ON THEM.

3. NYERERE'S ONLY PLEA WAS THAT WE NOT COMPLICATE MATTERS

FURTHER AND LEAVE "THE GHOST OF A GHOST" WALKING BY INCLUDING CHIRAU AS FULL PARTY. CHIRAU WAS SYMBOLIC OF THE INTERNAL AGREEMENT. HIS PRESENCE WOULD GIVE THE PF REAL PROBLEMS. IF CHIRAU HAD TO COME, LET HIM COME AS SMITH'S ADVISER RATHER THAN INDEPENDENT PARTY. CHIRAU COULD HAVE HIS FULL CHANCE LATER IN ELECTIONS.

4. I INDICATED WE WERE GETTING FAVORABLE REACTIONS (LUSAKA 0779 AND GABORONE 0700) FROM THOSE OF HIS COLLEAGUES WE HAD BRIEFED. I WASN'T SO SURE ABOUT THE PF (USUN 0876). NYERERE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT ALL WOULD GO ALONG, PROVIDED THE POSITION WAS AS HE HAS STATED IN PARA 1 ABOVE.

5. STRONG TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO URGE NYERERE TO SEE LORD CARRINGTON, CONSERVATIVE FOREIGN POLICY LEADER IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS, WHO ARRIVED IN DAR ES SALAAM LAST NIGHT AND WHOM NYERERE HAD EARLIER INDICATED HE WOULD NOT MEET. ON BASIS PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE WITH CARRINGTON, I ADDED WORDS OF SUPPORT. NYERERE EVENTUALLY AGREED TO SEE CARRINGTON LATER TODAY.

6. COMMENT: NYERERE WAS IN AMIABLE, COOPERATIVE MOOD. HIS ATTITUDE WAS "ALL RIGHT. YOU'VE DONE WHAT I ASKED. LET'S GO AHEAD." HIS PLEA AGAINST INCLUSION CHIRAU WAS STRONG AND SERIOUS, BUT HE DID NOT MAKE IT A CONDITION FOR HIS COOPERATION (AS HE DID "LAYING THE GHOST" IN OUR LAST MEETING, (DAR 1053).
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NEVERTHELESS, IN MY VIEW, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF SOME WAY COULD BE FOUND IN THE MECHANICS OF ORGANIZING THE CONFERENCE TO SUBORDINATE OR OBSCURE CHIRAU ROLE.

7. I NOW SEE NO REASON WHY IN WORKING WITH AFRICANS AND OTHERS, WE SHOULD NOT MAKE KNOW NYERERES WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE IT WOULD STILL BE BEST NOT TO QUOTE HIM DIRECTLY AND NOT TO PUT HIM IN THE POSITION OF APPEARING TO BE TOO FAR OUT IN FRONT.

8. P.S.: STRONG HAS NOW RECEIVED TEXT OF OWEN STATEMENT (WHICH LOOKS FINE) AND IS DELIVERING IT TO STATE HOUSE.
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